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By GEORGE LEONOF

IT the recent elections in East Bengal (East Pakistan) any sort of a state of mind blowing over the Islamic Republic is rapidly mounting to a hurricane velocity. An electoral revolution has occurred which has inflicted a crushing defeat on the ruling Muslim League (party) and given the left-wing combination, the United Front, an absolute majority to overthrowing the Muslim League and to reconstitute the Muslim League as a serious opposition in the province. Already the opposition in Karachi, the seat of government in West Pakistan where the Muslim League still reigns supreme, has demanded new nationwide elections on the basis of the East Pakistan results.

Mohammed Ali has rejected the demands as being devoid of constitutional basis, but the place which East Pakistan occupies in the Federal Legislature and in the nation is without parallel in other countries and there may be legitimate doubts whether the constitutional framework will be able to stand the inevitable future assaults of political reality.

EAST Pakistan is only one of Pakistan's five administrative units, but its influence is out of all proportion to this mathematical ratio. Of Pakistan's total population of 75 million, more than half (44.1 million) live in East Pakistan on one-seventh of the country's territory. Pakistan is an Islamic Republic and, more than that, an unabashed Islamic theocracy in which the prime requisite of all legislation is that it comply with the Koran; yet more than a quarter of East Bengal's population are Hindus as long as the Moslem League governed the province, these and other contradictions did not intrude on the world peace which was with other, more obnoxious contradictions. But the United Front is demanding a greater degree of autonomy, and its newly-found strength in the Federal Legislature can be expected to press for proportional influence in national affairs as well.

FINALLY, as a province East Bengal is an administrative anomaly. It is separated from West Pakistan by India and almost entirely surrounded by that country. No rail nor any other land connection exists between the two parts. There is no major airport in East Bengal and in any case, shipping between East and West Pakistan must traverse the entire coastline of the Indian subcontinent. If the objective case for secession is strong geographically, it is not weakened ethnically. There are no racial or cultural differences between the Pakistanis and Hindus. If one discounts the insignificant minorities who are as dissimilar to either, the Hindu majority in East Bengal and here the uniting power of religion is magnified by the fact that Pakistanis happily devour cows, which the Hindus consider sacred, while abhorring the pigs that Hindus raise as their staple meat food.

FORMALLY, the Pakistanis deny they are a "hegemony," but Islam dominates every phase of state activity. Pakistan, with its population of 75 million, resembles itself as the cradle of Moslem culture, and pretends to religious leadership of the Moslem world. How easily this extends to the political sphere, India has demonstrated as early as January, 1949, when Pakistan vigorously protested the recognition of Israel by the powers and charged that the U.N. resolution on Jewish partition "lacked legal and moral justification" and "opposed the right of self-determination."

IT will be interesting to see, too, how the elections in East Bengal will affect the recently concluded agreement between Pakistan and Turkey for regional cooperation and Pakistan's request for American arms. West Pakistan is itself somewhat disconcerted from "regional" cooperation with Turkey by some 2,000 kilometers while East Pakistan's isolation becomes something less than splendid in view of India's vehement objection both to the extension of the military bloc system to South Asia and to the flow of alien arms to her neighbor, who has more than once stated that she would fight against Kashmir if all other means failed.

MAUJAUER APPREHENDED
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A 34-year-old armed marauder was captured during a routine patrol by Security Forces in the Negev on Monday. It was learned here today.

TOMORROW'S weekend supplement of The Jerusalem Post carries three pages of shipping features and photo-graphs of wide general interest. This has necessitated a rearrangement of the normal features appearing in the Friday issue.

Both features appear on Page Four, Classifieds on Page Two, Page Eight will be the Women's Page, where this week we introduce an old favorite—the Buyer's Guide.

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Cairo Rejects 'UK Note' Suspending Suez Talks

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — An Egyptian Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that a British Note has been received suspending Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Suez Canal. He added that the Egyptian Government had rejected the Note as "baseless."

Arabs to Strengthen Anti-Israel Boycott

BAGHDAD, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Arab League's boycott committee has adopted new measures to strengthen the Arab economic blockade around Israel and to prevent smuggling from Israel and into Israel, according to Sayid Tahir Salim, Chief Inspector of Customs and Excise, who is the representative on the committee.

Members of the committee have agreed that member States of the Arab League should continue to carry on the committee's previous decision to deny to foreign planes which use Israeli airports landing and fueling facilities in any of the Arab airfields. A similar ban applies to ships passing through Israeli ports; they will not be harbored in Arab ports.

Salim said that the committee also decided to check foreign firms "injurious to Arab feelings and containing anti-Arab propaganda."

In the meantime, member States of the League are being urged to discontinue trade with Israel upon the request of the boycott committee. Members are asked to give such companies all facilities and to remove restrictions in the way of their operating inside Arab territory.

The central headquarters of the committee in Cairo is now preparing legislation with a view to its adoption by all Arab Governments. The committee is also preparing a list of companies which have been given a warning, including the death sentence, to be meted out to Arabs carrying on business with Israel.

Lebanese papers report that all Chambers of Commerce in Syria have been given a communique from the Anti-Israel Boycott Bureau of the Arab League, alleging that a number of Syrians were importing goods through Israel ships and through Israel, shipping companies, without being aware of the fact.

The communique asks the Chambers of Commerce to draw the attention of their members to this fact and to urge them to write to their correspondents abroad to avoid shipments on Israel merchantmen.

US, UK Set For Retaliatory Action

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuters). — President Eisenhower said today that there were no arrangements for immediate consultation between the U.S. and Britain in the kind of emergency requiring instant retaliatory action against an aggressor.

The President told his press conference that the U.S. had arrangements for instant consultation, particularly with respect to any use of bases in Britain.

The President said that unemployment in the U.S. has not yet reached the point where a major emergency federal program was necessary, although he admitted that the continuing increase in unemployment was dangerous.

Members of the House of Commons yesterday, said that "amorphous and friendly" arrangements had been made for consultation with President Eisenhower and the American Government on the use of Atomic bombs and other questions.

Scientists 'Astonished' By H-Bomb Test

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — President Eisenhower confirmed today that atomic scientists were astonished by the magnitude of the March 1 hydrogen test blast at Bikini in the South Pacific.

Members of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee have said the blast was at least 600 times as powerful as the Hiroshima Atomic bomb explosion of 1945, which killed 80,000 persons.

The U.S. Navy announced today that the Bikini explosion showed radioactive ash on an American ship yesterday with crew of 32. This brings to 37 the number of persons known to have been accidentally exposed to atomic radiation from the test.

U.S. and Japanese scientists and doctors met in Tokyo today to discuss setting up a joint research team to treat 23 fishermen injured by radioactive dust during the recent U.S. hydrogen bomb test in the South Pacific.

The U.S. has decided to pay immediate compensation to the fishermen.

Israel Embassy Calls Arab Charges 'Smoke Screen'

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UPI). — A spokesman for the Israel Embassy today replied to charges by the Arab delegation which visited Secretary of State Dulles yesterday that Israel was creating tension in the Middle East.

The Arab ambassadors know very well, the spokesman said, that there is not a word of truth in their allegations which are but another attempt to build a smoke-screen around their countries' recent aggressions.

Their statement shows nothing but the contortions of a guilty conscience amidst their aggressive assaults, blockades, threats and violations of agreements and of international law.

EMIGRANT DIES ABOARD 'JERUSALEM'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (U.P.). — When the a.s. Jerusalem arrived here from Haifa today, its captain reported the death of an emigrant, Miss Bertha Baron, 54, who died of heart disease and diabetes.

German Rearming Put Off as French View Prevails

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Western High Commissioners in Germany have decided not to approve for the time being a West German constitutional amendment permitting the Federal Republic to rearm, the French Foreign Ministry stated today.

A statement issued by the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee said that a note to this effect had been received from the Foreign Ministry today.

The Assembly Committee's statement summarizing the Foreign Office note said, "The effect of the amendment to Article 71 of the Fundamental Law (the West German Constitution) would have been to give the Federal Government the right to rearm immediately. Such an amendment could only be accepted when the treaty setting up a European Defense Community enters into force and within the treaty's framework. The French view having prevailed, the Allied High Commission will not accept the amendment," the statement added.

Integration Set Back

Meanwhile, European integration received a new setback here with the indefinite postponement of the Brussels conference on a six-nation political community.

The Foreign Ministers of France, Italy, Western Germany and the Benelux countries had been scheduled to meet in the Belgian capital on March 20. An official communique stated that the Foreign Ministers' deputies would convene in May on the next ministerial meeting.

The statement failed to give any precise reasons for the postponement of the Brussels meeting. But according to informed diplomatic quarters, main opposition to the meeting came from France which was reported to have feared that a political community at this stage was liable to harm the chances of the E.D.C. treaty's ratification by the French parliament.

Arabs Fear Israel Blow, Malik States

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday. — The Security Council is scheduled to meet tomorrow to continue discussion of the New Zealand resolution on Egypt's restrictions on Israel shipping.

Last night's session ended on a tense note when Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese delegate, announced that the Arab States fear that Israel might strike somewhere in the Arab world because she is "so mad" at the U.N. failure to condemn Jordan for last week's bus massacre.

The Council President, Mr. Selim Sarper, of Turkey, interrupted Dr. Malik, suggesting that he was dragging in extraneous matters, but that the Arab States' statement, Dr. Malik's warning took only one minute but it overshadowed everything that had been said in the Council for the previous two hours.

Malik 'Pathological'

Talking with reporters following the meeting, Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's delegate, branded Dr. Malik's statement as "pathological." Asked what specific evidence prompted the warning, the Lebanese member replied, "I don't know the grounds of this (Arab) fear."

Earlier, the Egyptian delegate, Mahmoud Azmi, said that if the resolution were passed, the Arab nations would react unfavorably. He warned that Egypt would "weigh the relationship of the vote of each of you to the primordial question of its sovereignty."

Western observers link the Egyptian statement with the possibility of a Soviet veto of the resolution. They believe that Russia may veto the motion as part of her campaign to win Arab favor.

Holland Rebuffs Russia On Base for US

THE HAGUE, Wednesday (Reuters). — Defense Minister Cornelis Staf told Parliament today that American planes are going to be based in Holland whether Russia likes it or not.

Mr. Staf told Holland's first Chamber, the Senate, that an American squadron will be stationed in the Netherlands as part of the NATO air defense.

"We welcome the American squadron as a valuable reinforcement in the execution of a plan to integrate NATO air defense," Mr. Staf said.

He thus rejected a recent formal Russian protest against the establishment of U.S. air bases in Holland.

Greek Students Attack British Building

ATHENS, Wednesday (UPI). — Police clashed today with students attempting to tear down the flag from the British Information Service building.

Several students were slightly injured. With no charges against the Greek students, the police, they shouted demands that Britain hand over the island of Cyprus to Greece.

Knesset Backs Gov't Security Policy; Ask West to Refer Massacre to UN

JERUSALEM, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Knesset last night passed a resolution expressing its horror at the massacre and sympathy with the bereaved families, confirmed the Government in its stand for the security and rights of the State, and instructed the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to review the debate.

Jordan Again Replies 'No'

AMMAN, Wednesday (Reuters). — Jordan's reply to the U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld rejecting his summons to attend a conference with Israel on the frontier situation.

Israel, in November, 1953, invoked Article 12 of the General Armistice Agreement which calls for such a conference. Jordan has consistently refused to attend, claiming that all outstanding problems between the two countries can be solved through the regular channels of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

UN Marking Time Rapidly on Tension

JERUSALEM, Wednesday (Reuters). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, invited the representatives of the three Great Powers to meet this morning to discuss the threatening situation between Israel and Jordan. He refused to commit to any regular press conference today, but informed sources stated that the U.N. was trying to mark time rapidly to give the appearance of "marching forward."

Yesterday, Mr. Hammarskjöld told the press that he would convene the meeting in April, but today he hedged, saying that in the light of the tense situation, it was necessary to exercise the greatest caution, not only acting impartially but also giving the appearance of impartiality to which might stifle true impartiality and justice.

One Crisis at a Time

Contrary to Israel's view, political circles in Jordan refuse to honor her armistice obligation under Article 12 has increased violations, and murder, and the Secretary-General sees no connection between them. He would like the present crisis to die down before taking any action against Israel's violations of the armistice.

Further, he said that the time was not ripe to convene a Middle East peace conference.

It is understood that the meeting this morning did not discuss the Arab side's warning of Israel aggression, which the U.N. is now trying to keep by silence treatment, nor was it discussed.

The only question remaining on the U.N. agenda is the possibility of a Soviet veto, of which there is much speculation, but no knowledge. The Arab side's warning, however, Cabot Lodge, will voice his support for the resolution to morrow.

Syria Moving Troops To Israel Border

The Syrian Army is concentrating forces along the Israeli border. Another infantry brigade recently joined the troops along the frontier, an Army spokesman announced.

A police boat yesterday captured four Arab spies from Gaza in an Egyptian rowboat in Israeli territorial waters facing the Nabi Yunis beach near Nir. The spokesman announced.

In Jerusalem yesterday, an official spokesman of the Truce Supervision Organization denied that the Syrian Army had moved troops to the Israeli border. He said that the Syrian Army was in its normal position and that the Syrian Government was not planning any move against Israel.

US Officials Disapprove Of Withdrawal from MAC

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UPI). — American officials expressed disapproval today of the Syrian withdrawal from the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The officials reiterated their sympathy for the relatives of the 11 Israelis killed in the "Scorpions" ambush of March 17, and their hope that those responsible will be brought to justice.

They added, however, that they did not see how Commander E. H. Hutzinson, Chairman of the Commission, could have been expected to fix the responsibility on the basis of the slender evidence uncovered so far.

KING FAISAL ENDS PAKISTAN VISIT

KARACHI, Wednesday (Reuters). — King Faisal of Iraq and the Crown Prince left for Baghdad today after a 12-day state visit to Pakistan.

Security police have unearthed what is believed to be a Communist-inspired plot directed against the King's visit.

Three persons, including a former senior army officer, were arrested a few hours before he arrived here on March 13. The arrests followed the discovery of a plot said to be aimed at "disrupting Pakistan's security situation."

Lavon Turns Down Begin's 'Only Way'

JERUSALEM, Wednesday (Reuters). — Speaking to a suddenly hushed Knesset that hung attentively on his words, Mr. P. Lavon, Minister of Defense, was patently hampered in his statement by considerations of national security. Yet he succeeded in conveying to the Members that it was a deliberate policy, and neither lack of feeling nor of faith in Israel's striking power, that had prevented the Government from adopting Mr. Begin's "only way."

His statement ran, in part: "The part of the world in which we live is at the cross-roads and it is not possible for anyone to read correctly the confused signs and signals and try for certain where the road leads. That is why we must not generalize, and we must remember the essential point that these developments that await us in the future are not dependent on our will."

Begin's Disservice

"Mr. Begin is committing a serious disservice to the nation when he attempts to persuade the people, in support of his own policies, that we are living in a threatened diaspora and suffering pogroms. That is a crime against truth and against the facts of settlement in this country from the earliest days. We lost many lives in our struggle upward and toward statehood, but as a crime against truth, it is the lives lost in the pogroms of Kishinev or the death camps of Treblinka, almost. Every Jew who has fallen in this country, at work or on the roads, fell in the long Zionist struggle, but fell as a soldier at the front. True patriotism requires us first of all to teach the people that these sacrifices have not been in vain, and not to exploit murder for political ends."

CABINET MEETS ON SECURITY

The Cabinet at its meeting yesterday heard a report from the Prime Minister on the latest deliberations in the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. There was a discussion on security matters.

The question of doctors in Government service was also discussed.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY HOLDINGS RISE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A sharp increase in foreign currency holdings, from IL4,014,000 to IL5,919,000, was recorded in the past week by the Issue Department of the Bank Leumi. Banking circles attributed the rise to income from citrus exports which began flowing in, as well as income from the U.S.

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Unanimity in Blaming Jordan

By The Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Sharett Explains Move from MAC

Presenting the Government's formal reasons for leaving the Mixed Armistice Commission, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett made the following statement at the opening of yesterday's Knesset session:

The entire nation was shocked a week ago at the news of the terrible outrage which occurred at noon that day at Ma'ale Akrahim in the Negev.

An ambush of the Eshed company proceeding from Eliat to Beerseba, was ambushed and attacked at that spot by an armed Arab band. The first volley of shots killed the driver and hit several passengers. The immobilized vehicle was subjected to a hail of bullets from all sides. The murderers broke in, killing off the survivors. Altogether, 11 men and women were put to death. Four escaped, of whom two were seriously wounded.

It was soon evident that the attack bore the unmistakable character of a military operation, properly planned and methodically executed. The killers came from afar, making for a fixed destination. There was no looting. They were bent on death. Nothing had occurred in that neighborhood which could have served as the slightest provocation for the massacre. A vital artery of internal communications deep within Israel territory was the target. This was the gravest and the most heinous act of violence perpetrated within the country since the termination of hostilities in the War of Liberation. It was a war-like act in nature and planning.

Gang From Jordan

Footprints clearly indicated the Jordanian origin of the gang. Two sets of tracks were found — one leading towards the ambush from the direction of the Jordan frontier, and another back towards it. United Nations Observers took an active part in following the footprints, an operation carried out with the help of expert trackers and police dogs.

In this work, and in the investigation of the circumstances of the crime and the scene, they faithfully carried out their duty under most difficult circumstances. The footprints were not traced right up to the frontier because of the rocky nature of the terrain around, but from the point at which the track ended there was only one narrow gorge leading to the Jordan frontier with impassable rocky ground on both sides.

The Government of Israel received information from most reliable sources that the gang had crossed the Jordan frontier at a certain spot. It also obtained the names of three of its members. Even without these data into account, the tracks and the general picture of the outrage bore evidence that its perpetrators had come from Jordan. This is the patent truth and no amount of pedantic routine and formalistic quibbling can cover it.

Jordan Responsible

Yet, as the House is aware, this was not the finding of the Mixed Armistice Commission. The complaint lodged with the Commission by the Israel Delegation laid the responsibility for the crime at the door of the Jordan Government, for, do it to be sure, the Jordan Government had withheld its approval of the incident in its City newspapers.

Mrs. E. Wilenska (Communist) claimed that the Arab massacre was a deliberate act, and that it was Israel who committed the murders at Ma'ale Akrahim — Israel who were Arabs by race and Jews by religion, according to the Jordan representative, who thought the occasion appropriate for linguistic experiments.

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The Jordan Delegation, on the other hand, did not hesitate to put the blame on the Israel Government. It asserted that it was Israel who committed the murders at Ma'ale Akrahim by race and Jews by religion, according to the Jordan representative, who thought the occasion appropriate for linguistic experiments.

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Beirut	62	17	19
Bat Yam	69	18	20
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FORECAST: Possible light rain during morning, becoming partly cloudy. In the South, fair.

(A) Sunday at 3 p.m. (B) Minimum temperature (C) Maximum temperature

THE SYNAGOGUE at Kfar Yehoshua, in the Eastern Negev, is to be named "The Martyr of M'ale Akrahim," the Ministry of Religious Affairs has decided.

FOREIGN CURRENCY allocations authorized since January 1954 to Israel students studying abroad will be at the new exchange rate of IL.1800 to \$1. It has been announced.

THE BANK LEUMI clerk charged with the theft of \$3,000 from the bank's safe, has been sentenced to 12 months in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR has notified a \$45,000 loan to the Holon Municipality for public works, including IL.30,000 for the construction of a new public housing quarter, and IL.15,000 to build a school.

200 DELEGATES yesterday elected throughout the country to the National Convention of the Herut Party to be held during Pesach. The delegates were personal but it is believed that candidates sponsored by Herut's National Labour Union received between 30% and 35% of the seats.

AMIDAR, the national housing company, was charged by the District Attorney in Tel Aviv with breaking a Ministry of Health regulation in failing to provide a safe drinking water supply in the Sakhya area.

AN INSTITUTE for higher Jewish studies, where, in addition to the Talmud and the Mishna, history in general and Jewish history in particular, would be taught, is to be opened shortly in Tel Aviv as the next step towards establishing a university there, Mayor Haim Levanon said at the Sheraton Club on Tuesday night.

HOPES MYERSON WILL ATTEND ILO MEETING It is hoped that Mrs. Golda Myerson will attend the next International Labour Conference, to be held in Geneva this summer, Mr. David Kravine, correspondent in Israel of the ILO Association, said in a letter to the Jerusalem Branch last night.

Mr. Kravine complained that neither the Israel Press nor the thinking public occupied itself with labour problems, even though few countries have so large a proportion of their inhabitants directly concerned with labour problems.

RATION NEWS Tel Aviv: Eggs: 2.40; 10; 15; 20; 25; 30; 35; 40; 45; 50; 55; 60; 65; 70; 75; 80; 85; 90; 95; 1.00; 1.05; 1.10; 1.15; 1.20; 1.25; 1.30; 1.35; 1.40; 1.45; 1.50; 1.55; 1.60; 1.65; 1.70; 1.75; 1.80; 1.85; 1.90; 1.95; 2.00; 2.05; 2.10; 2.15; 2.20; 2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 8.40; 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performance of the Israel-Jordan

Mixed Armistice Commission.

Unfortunately with last Wed-

nesday's events still fresh in

their mind, few people will be

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tions is becoming more mani-

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theory as barren and pre-

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ward by the Jordanians that

the dastardly massacre of

Ma'ale Akrabim had been

perpetrated by Israel. What

Israelis? Jews perhaps? And

if not Jews? But Israel

is not a Jew state. What

Israelis? It is likely that

they could have set out on

their expedition with a full

complement of military equip-

Army Hits Back at McCarthy

By JESSE ZEL LUBIN

NEW YORK, March 25. —

ON November 24th last, when

Senator Joe McCarthy brow-

beat the networks into giving

him \$300,000 worth of free time

to answer a scolding reference by

ex-President Truman to "Mc-

Carthyism with lower case m"

and used this gift to attack the

Eisenhower administration, he

was, in effect, declaring war on

the President.

Eisenhower's advisers, how-

ever, refused to recognize Mc-

Carthy's long-range intention

and continued to utilize him as

a Republican spokesman. This

self-deception may have ended

with McCarthy's blast at the

Army. It still may not be clear

to those in the President's en-

tourage who had hoped that Joe

would be a good boy and use

his vituperative talents solely

to elect a Republican congress-

man in 1954, that McCarthy had in-

tended to take on Eisenhower

directly, once he had conquered

the Army and created a panic

atmosphere. His studies of Allied

Military Government and his

cooperation with the Russians in

the early years after the war

when the charge had that

goal in mind. This smear cam-

paign, which McCarthy has

paved with slime, was the way

he had chosen to achieve his

ultimate objective of changing

the Republican Party and its

presidential nomination.

But Secretary of the Army Ste-

venson's famous "surrender" over

the French chief of mission in

McCarthy's Munich. At that high

point in his career, both the

Eisenhower administration and

public opinion began to change.

Thus far and no further, they

said, as the British said to Hitler

in 1939. When prolonged ap-

peasement has failed and the

aggressor is shown to be un-

appeasable, even a Republican

begins to fight back.

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Hydrogen Holocaust

WHILE the air is filled with

the Army-McCarthy melo-

drama, responsible leaders of

both the Republican and Demo-

cratic parties are trying to keep

the country informed of some

of the larger issues of the day

without much success. The

second hydrogen fusion device

was exploded near Bikini on

March 1. After several leaks,

the Atomic Energy Commission

concerned it and the announce-

ment was relegated to an inside

page of yesterday's paper. The

announcement confirmed what

had been stated by chance eye-

witnesses including some Japan-

ese fishermen about 80 miles

away, that the explosion was

larger than expected, and

that people stationed 20 to 100

miles away were slightly burned

and had to be evacuated.

In the other word, a Hydro-

gen bomb explosion can cause a

lethal "fall-out" of radio-active

material up to a hundred miles

downwind from the explosion.

AEC instruments discovered the

fall-out and evacuated the is-

lands before any serious damage

was done to the inhabitants.

The Japanese ship, however, returned

to Tokyo with many of the crew

already suffering from skin

itching. There will be no

hydrogen explosion about April

1, and this time the AEC will

doubtless take the necessary pre-

cautions and evacuate islands

within a radius of some 150

miles. If an area can be found

with islands at the right dis-

tance, they will be able to mea-

sure the radio-active fall-out at

125 miles, 150 miles etc. down-

wind from the explosion. If

the wind is blowing right, one

Hydrogen bomb could force the

evacuation of an entire state.

Nixon's Reply

THIS news points up the life-

and-death seriousness of the

Stevenson-Nixon debate on the

"new look" in American defense

planning, which has been almost

entirely lost in the midst of the

McCarthy imbroglio. Stevenson's

speech in Miami last week

thought that all they did. But

the major part of both addresses

was devoted to American mili-

tary strategy. Stevenson said

that the new policy of relying

on instant and massive atomic

retaliation would lead to death

of the world in little wars.

Nixon's reply, which was a

comical book level of intelli-

gence, said that the next time

a Communist satellite attacked

us, we would attack the Com-

munist source. If he means what

he says, and I, for one, doubt

it, the United States is in for

trouble. The leaders of the

Communist bloc don't care

whether some of their people die

replied mildly: "The massive

atomic retaliation policy... was

reaffirmed by the Vice-Presi-

dent on the road to El Paso. It

coupled with a strong sug-

gestion that we should not ask

any questions." The last was a

reference to Nixon's recom-

mendation that we rely on the

great military wisdom of Presi-

dent Eisenhower.

"I remind the Vice-President

that true national unity cannot

be achieved by blind faith in any

party or individual. It must be

founded in understanding by

our people of the policies by

which the Administration seeks

to meet our problems. This is

why the first step toward the

unity of which the Vice-Presi-

dent speaks must be honest in-

formation about those policies."

Mr. Stevenson will no doubt re-

turn to this point soon.

Readers' Letters

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, The incident that hap-

pened on the road to El Paso

is a long chain of criminal

deeds. These crimes go un-

punished and the murderers

are not even being brought to

justice. It is a disgrace that

the situation gets really tense

and they give them a

fatherly smiling.

The Arab bandits; these